

City EOC - Media Release September 2, 2018

As people are reentering their homes and starting to clean up we ask that they keep some things in mind:

- Call Sauk County and report damage to your home, 608-355-3200.
- Contact City Hall to have your home inspected before resuming occupancy 608-524-6404.
- Before cleaning up your home make sure gas and electricity are shut off.
- Always work with other people and do not go into affected houses alone.
- Use appropriate protective equipment and safety tools:
 - Flashlight
 - Goggles
 - Cleaning supplies
 - Respirators
 - Gloves
 - Boots
 - Hard hat
 - Vaccinations (i.e. Tetanus)
- Have a way to communicate with you, like a cell phone.
- Document everything in writing and with pictures and video before cleaning up and as you are cleaning up.
- Flood cleanup kits are available in the lobby of the Police Department.

Nixle: Receive up-to-date information affecting your neighborhood by e-mail & text message! Quick Sign up: Text your zip code to 888777 for SMS messages

Building Inspections: Federal, State and City regulations require all structures in the Special Flood Hazard Area (floodplain) to be inspected after a flood event. Inspections within the City of Reedsburg are tentatively scheduled to begin on Tuesday. All repairs need to be tracked, so permits will be needed for new furnaces, water heaters, electric panels, etc. Permit applications are available at City Hall or the city website. They can be applied for after the work is done if needed and there will be no fee for floodplain properties. Contact City Hall 524-6404 to request an inspection.

Damaged Property: Damaged property should be placed in and around dumpsters or on treebanks as needed. Dumpsters are placed around the community in flooded areas. Appliances can be placed on the treebanks for disposal.

Sandbags: Take used sandbags to Nishan Park to dispose of them.

Streets: Many streets are now open. Do not go around barricades that are still in place, they are there for your safety.

Volunteers: Currently, we are not looking for volunteers, however, we will need volunteers later this week. Volunteer information will be sent out over Nixle. We need water to fully recede and basements to be water free before cleanup volunteers will be able to be sent in to begin the cleanup process. Pumping out a basement with high ground water around it, may cause structural damage to the house. Use caution when

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City of Reedsburg - Emergency Operations Center – Reedsburg WI. (608) 768-1264.**

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pumping basements out! A volunteer management team will be in place early next week and we will be looking for volunteers at that time.

Hot Meals: St. John's will be providing free community meals Sunday, September 2nd through Tuesday, September 3rd from 4:30 - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the church - 307 6th St. If anyone is interested in helping, come to the church around 4 pm. Dessert donations are welcome. This is open to everyone in the community not just those affected by flooding.

Donations: Cash donations can be made to the GSCF PO Box 544 Baraboo, WI 53913, and make checks payable to the "Greater Sauk Community Foundation"; or you can donate online. If you would like to donate online, please visit www.greatersauk.org. Perishable foods are not being accepted at this time. Clothing donations may be made to local secondhand stores.

Press Information and Disaster Information: The City Web Site has established a "City Flood Response" tab with the most current disaster information. www.reedsburgwi.gov.

Direct Link: <https://www.reedsburgwi.gov/index.asp?SEC=C5FE697D-8CF7-4278-81F2-347DF8765A53>

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